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Y'KNOW...

...BONDING WITH A GOOEY ALIEN REALLY OUGHT TO BE A LOT MORE *FUN!*

BUT EVER SINCE ME AND THE *OL' SYMBIOTIC BALL-AND-CHAIN* HOOKED UP, I'VE BEEN BRAWLING WITH EXTRATERRESTRIAL REPTILES...

COLLADOS

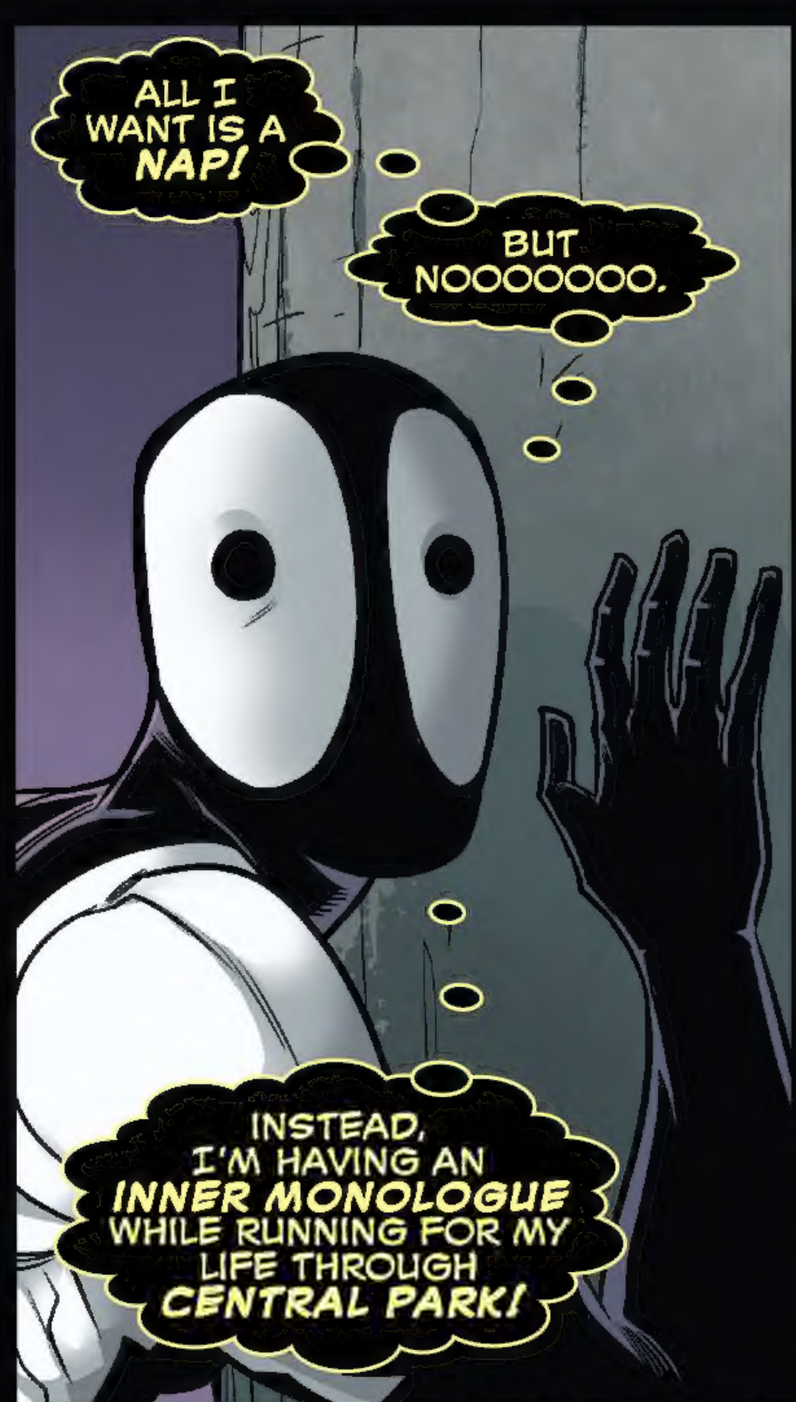
...BABYSITTING ADOLESCENT SUPER HEROES...

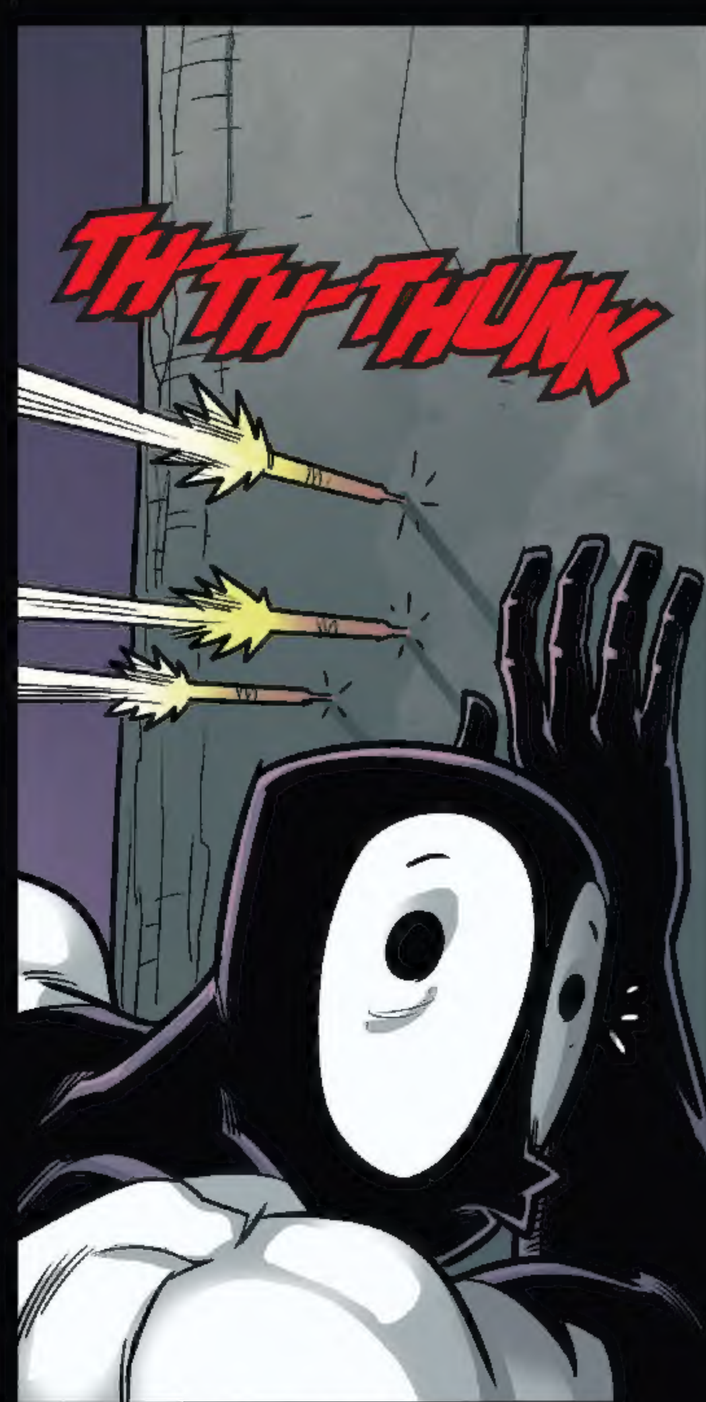
...EVADING KILLER BUNNIES...

...FENDING OFF AMOROUS ADVANCES...

...AND FLEEING FROM BOUNTY HUNTER REJECTS FROM *THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK!**

**EVEN THOUGH THIS ISSUE STANDS COMPLETELY ON ITS OWN AND IS WELL WORTH THE COVER PRICE, YOU SHOULD ALSO CHECK OUT ISSUES #1 THROUGH #3 OF THIS AWESOME SERIES!*
--HYPIN' HEATHER!





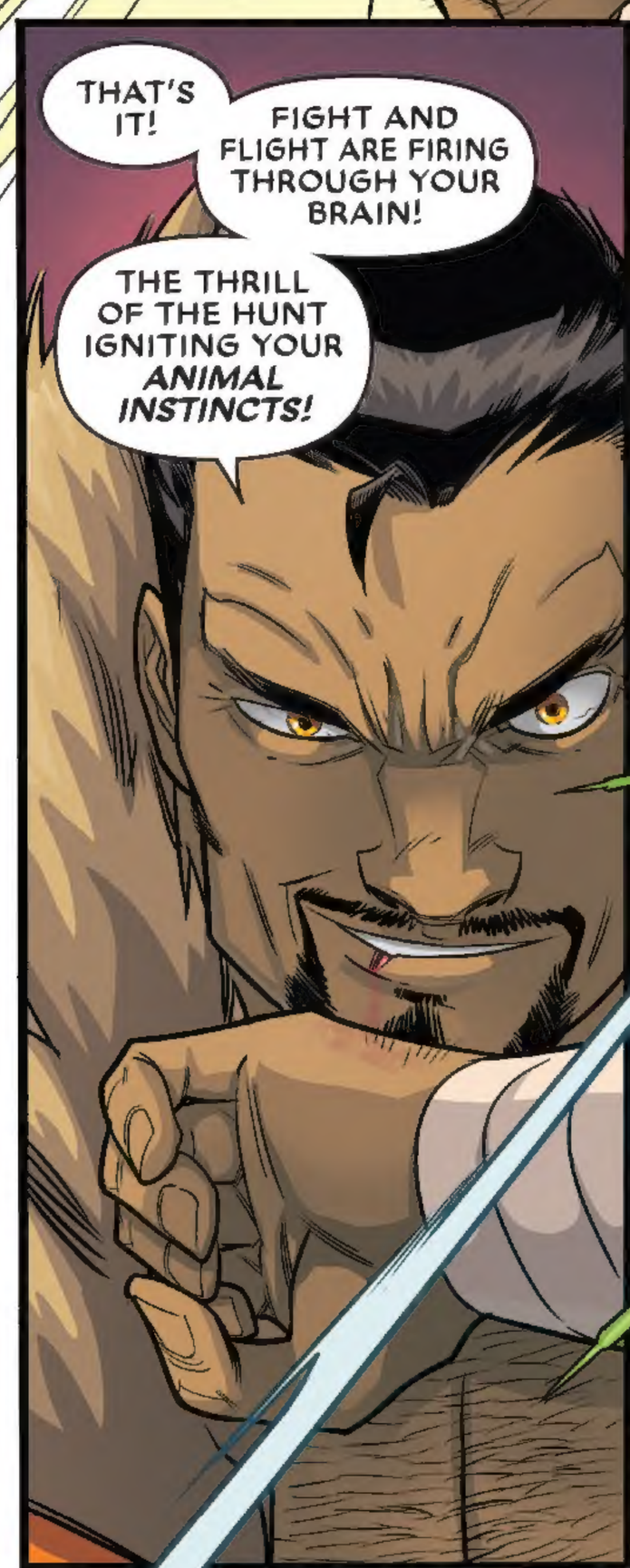
DEADPOOL'S GAL PAL FIRESTAR GOES SOLO IN FIRESTAR #3!

THIS IS NOT A HIDDEN MESSAGE. CARRY ON.

THWOK

YOU ARE *MAD* AS A *HOWLER MONKEY!*

AND I'VE GOT NO INTEREST IN BECOMING SOME SORT OF STUFFED TROPHY IN YOUR *CREEPY JUNGLE ROOM*, ELVIS!

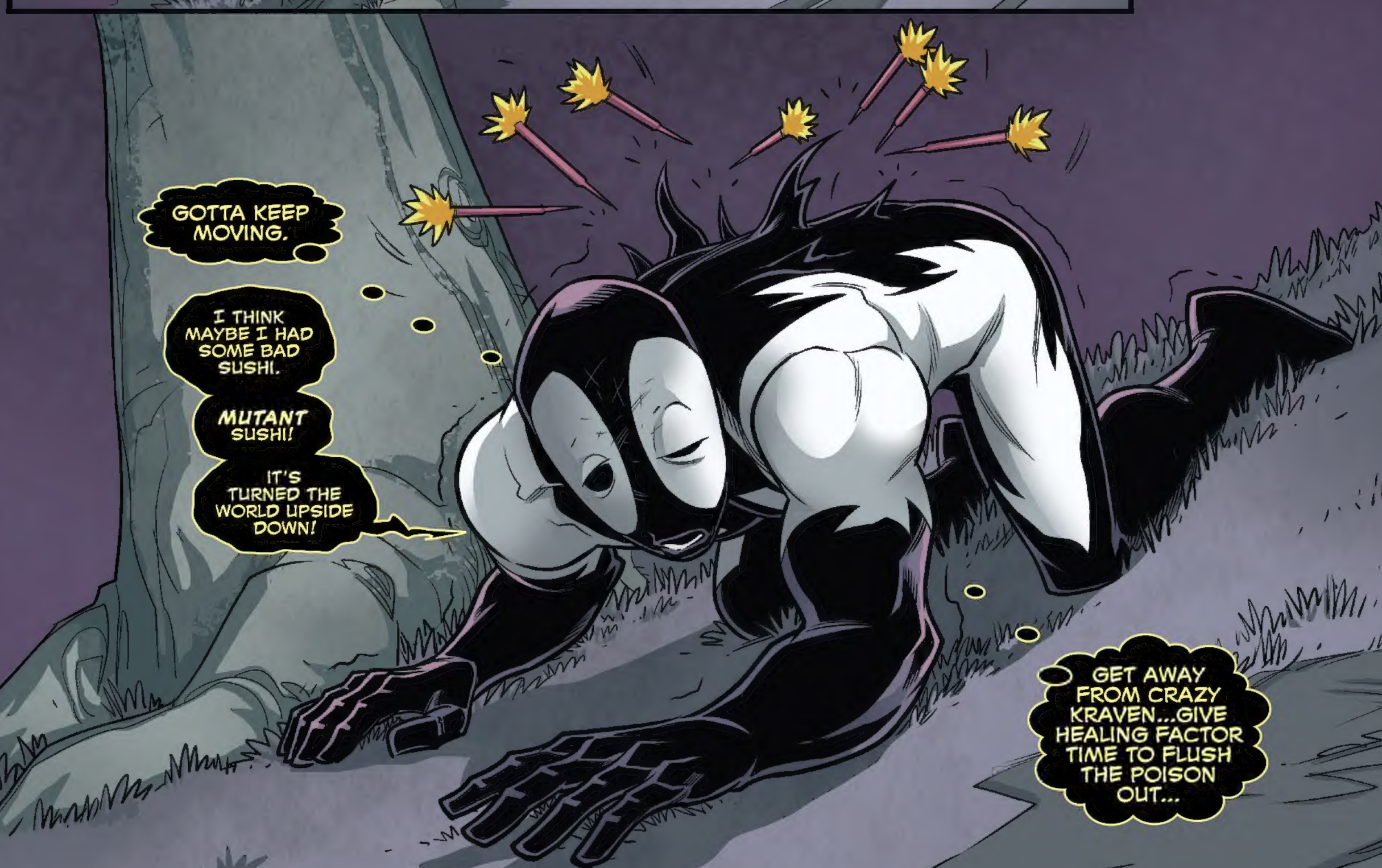


--ME?

ERP!
ALOVASUDDEN I'M NOT...
...FEELIN' SO WELL...

THWUD

DARTS... POISONED!
GOTTA KEEP IT... TOGETHER...
WHY, YES, I AM A PRETTY PONY.
WHINNY WHINNY
CURSE YOU, MOUTH! YOU'VE BETRAYED ME!


GOTTA KEEP MOVING.
I THINK MAYBE I HAD SOME BAD SUSHI.
MUTANT SUSHI!
IT'S TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN!
GET AWAY FROM CRAZY KRAVEN...GIVE HEALING FACTOR TIME TO FLUSH THE POISON OUT...

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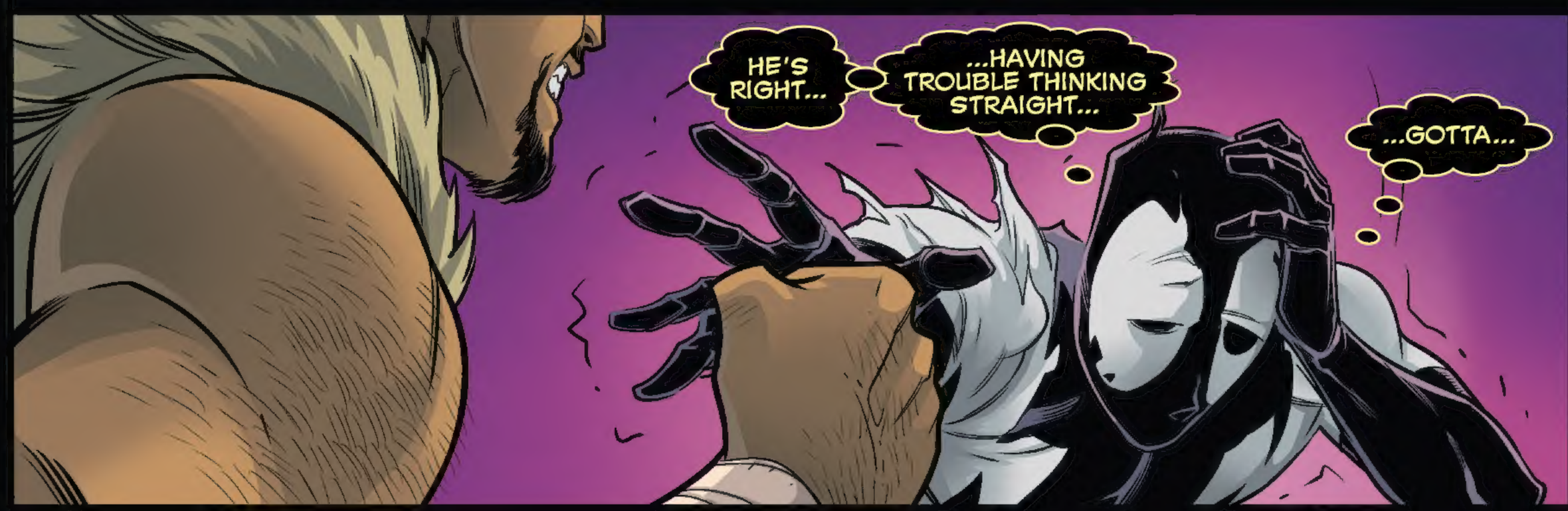
SURPRISE!
THAT'S IT, SPIDER-MAN!
RAGE AGAINST ME!
FIGHT!
THIS IS THE THRILL OF THE HUNT! NOT JUST ME HUNTING YOU!
BUT TWO NOBLE PREDATORS HUNTING ONE ANOTHER!
DO YOU--
--DYE YOUR HAIR?
ENOUGH!
I'LL NOT LET YOU RUIN THIS SACRED RITE WITH YOUR SARCASM!

WELL...I WON'T LET YOUR SACRED RITES RUIN MY SARCASM.
SO THERE!
I'M GONNA--

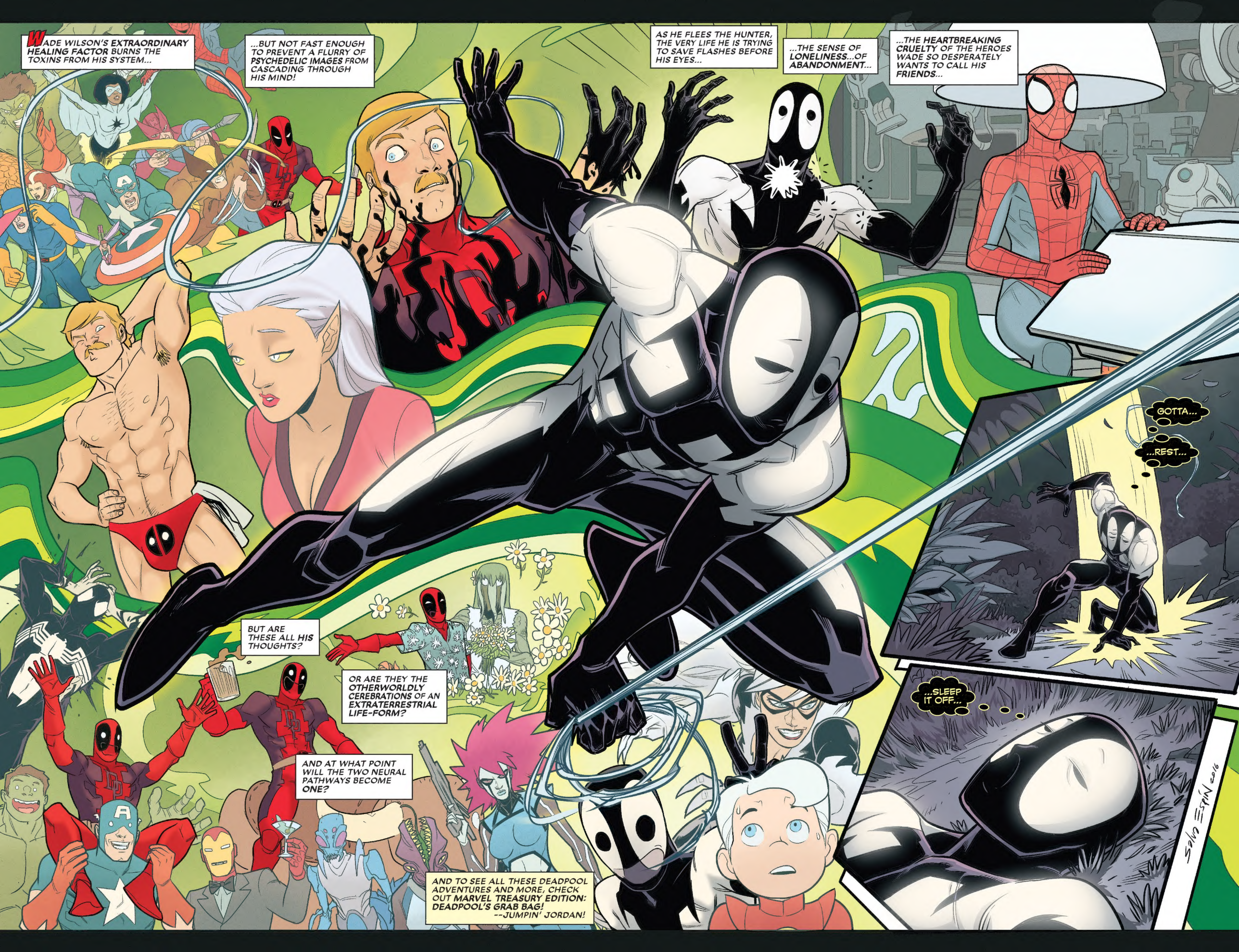
--BE A PRETTY, PRETTY PETUNIA IN THE FLOWER PAGEANT...
...AND THEN I THINK I'LL HAVE A SPOT OF TEA WITH MR. CUDDLES...

HA!
YOU ARE NOT SO FREE FROM MY VENOM AS YOU THOUGHT!
WALLOP


HE'S RIGHT...
...HAVING TROUBLE THINKING STRAIGHT...
...GOTTA...

...GOTTA GET...
WHAP

...CLEAR.


WADE WILSON'S EXTRAORDINARY HEALING FACTOR BURNS THE TOXINS FROM HIS SYSTEM...
...BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH TO PREVENT A FLURRY OF PSYCHEDELIC IMAGES FROM CASCADING THROUGH HIS MIND!
AS HE FLEES THE HUNTER, THE VERY LIFE HE IS TRYING TO SAVE FLASHES BEFORE HIS EYES...
...THE SENSE OF LONELINESS...OF ABANDONMENT...
...THE HEARTBREAKING CRUELTY OF THE HEROES WADE SO DESPERATELY WANTS TO CALL HIS FRIENDS...
GOTTA...
...REST...
...SLEEP IT OFF...
BUT ARE THESE ALL HIS THOUGHTS?
OR ARE THEY THE OTHERWORLDLY CEREBRATIONS OF AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE-FORM?
AND AT WHAT POINT WILL THE TWO NEURAL PATHWAYS BECOME ONE?
AND TO SEE ALL THESE DEADPOOL ADVENTURES AND MORE, CHECK OUT MARVEL TREASURY EDITION: DEADPOOL'S GRAB BAG!
--JUMPIN' JORDAN!

...SOMEWHERE SAFE...

SNRT

C'MON, AUNT MAY.

LEMME SLEEP FOR FIVE MORE MINUTES.

HNH?

WHO'S AUNT MAY?

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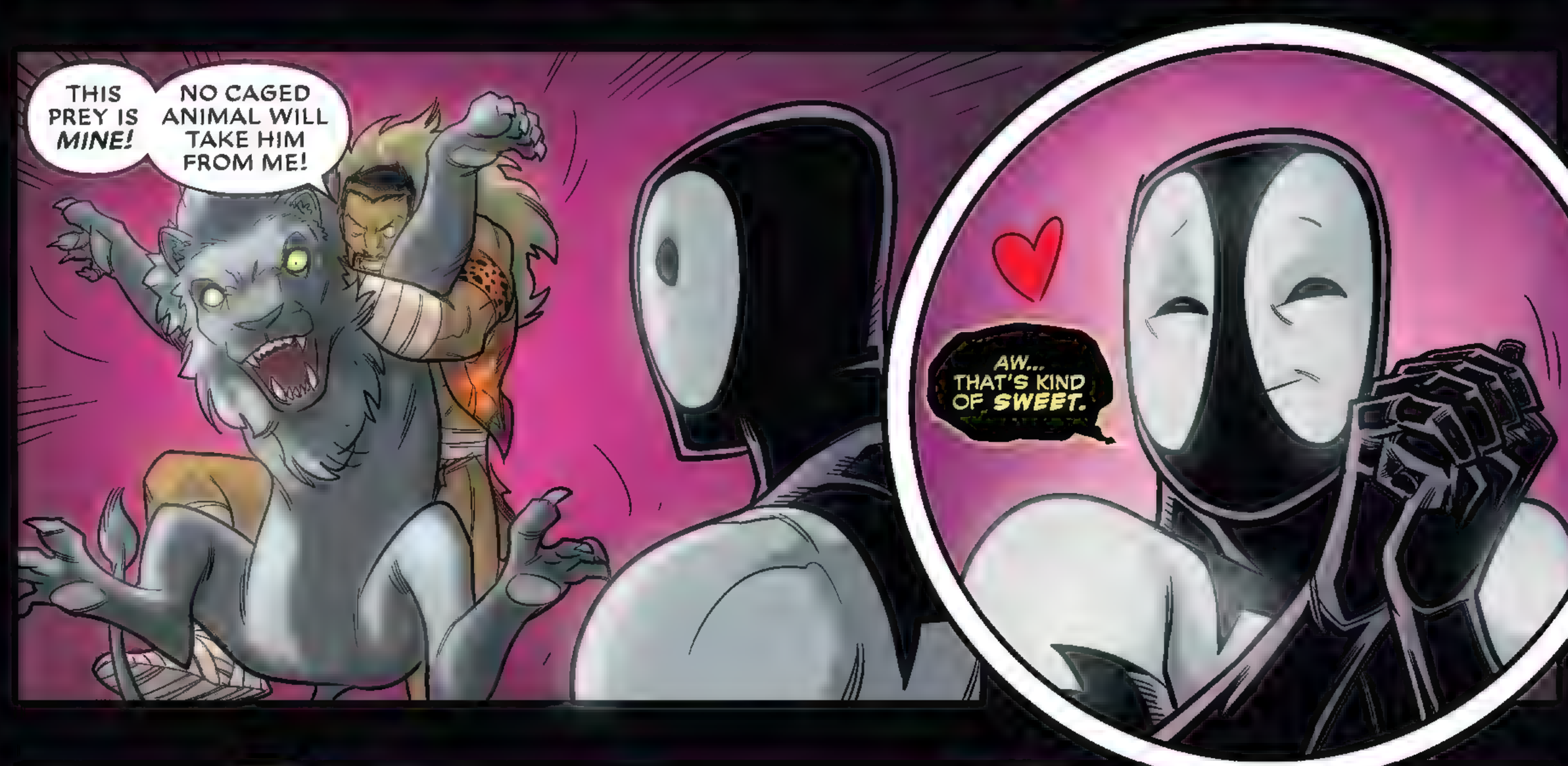
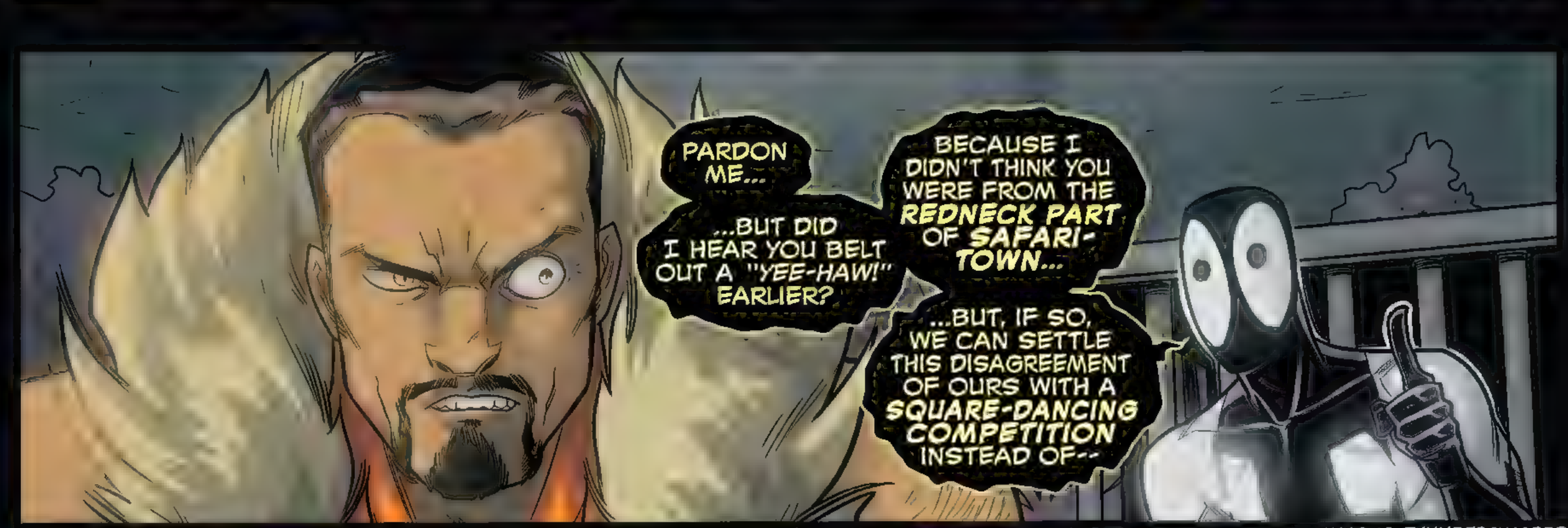




WHO IS THUNDERSWORD?

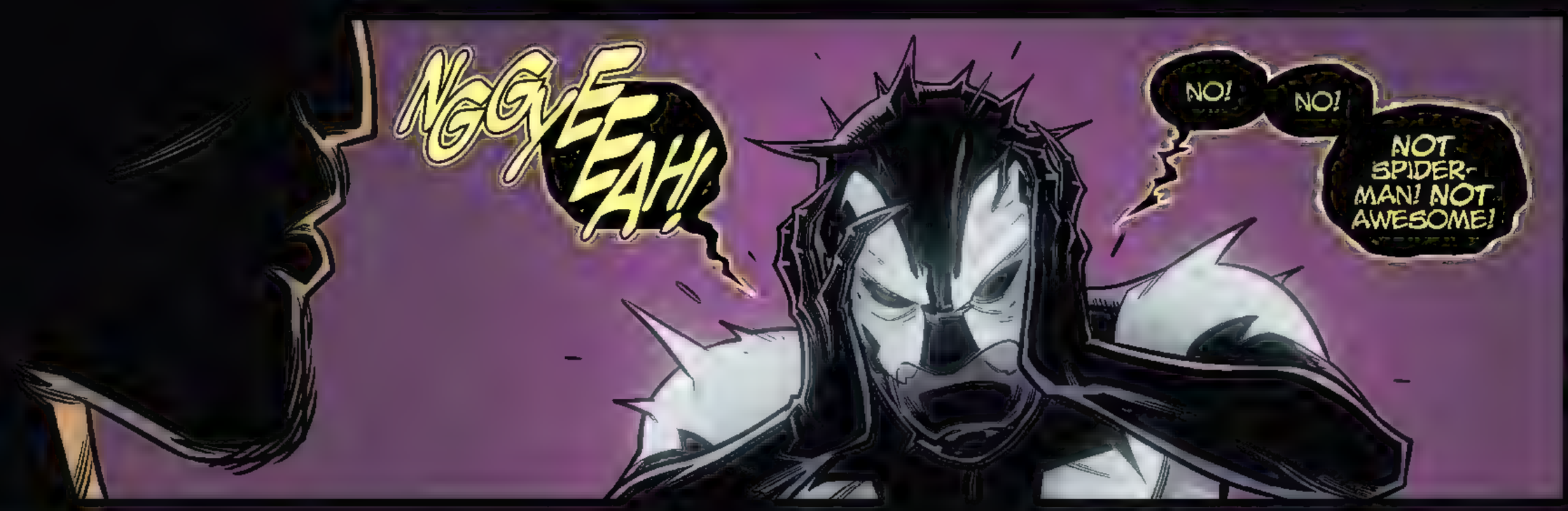
MY NECK IS ONLY RED WHEN MY BLOOD IS PUMPING FROM THE THRILL OF THE CHASE!

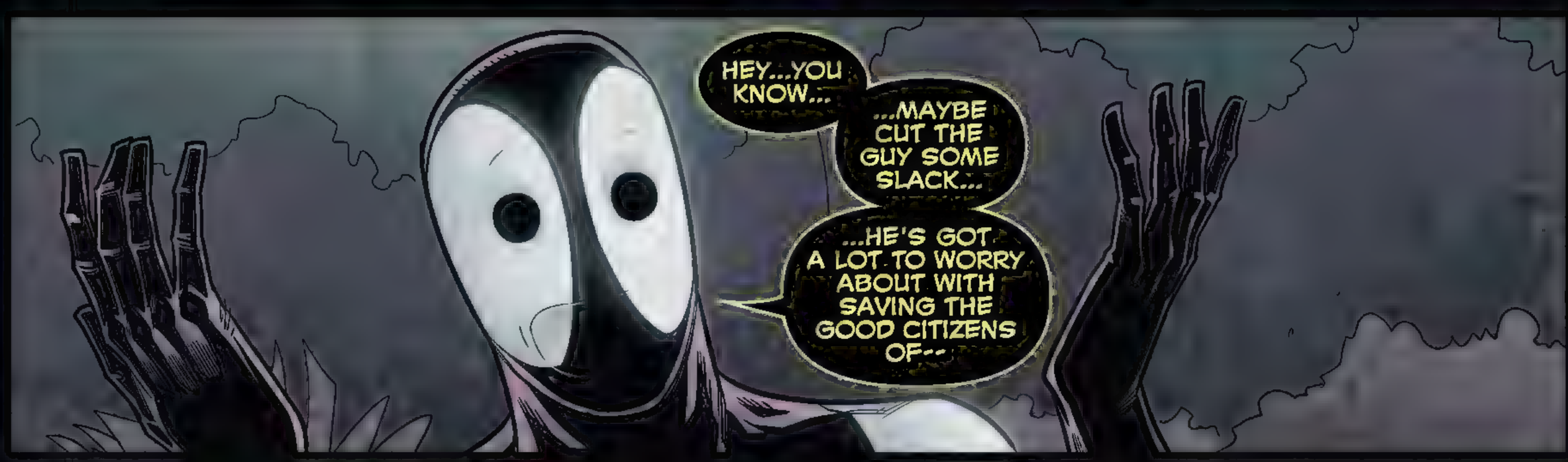
THAT WAS NOT A "YEEP-HOO" OR WHATEVER YOU CALLED IT.

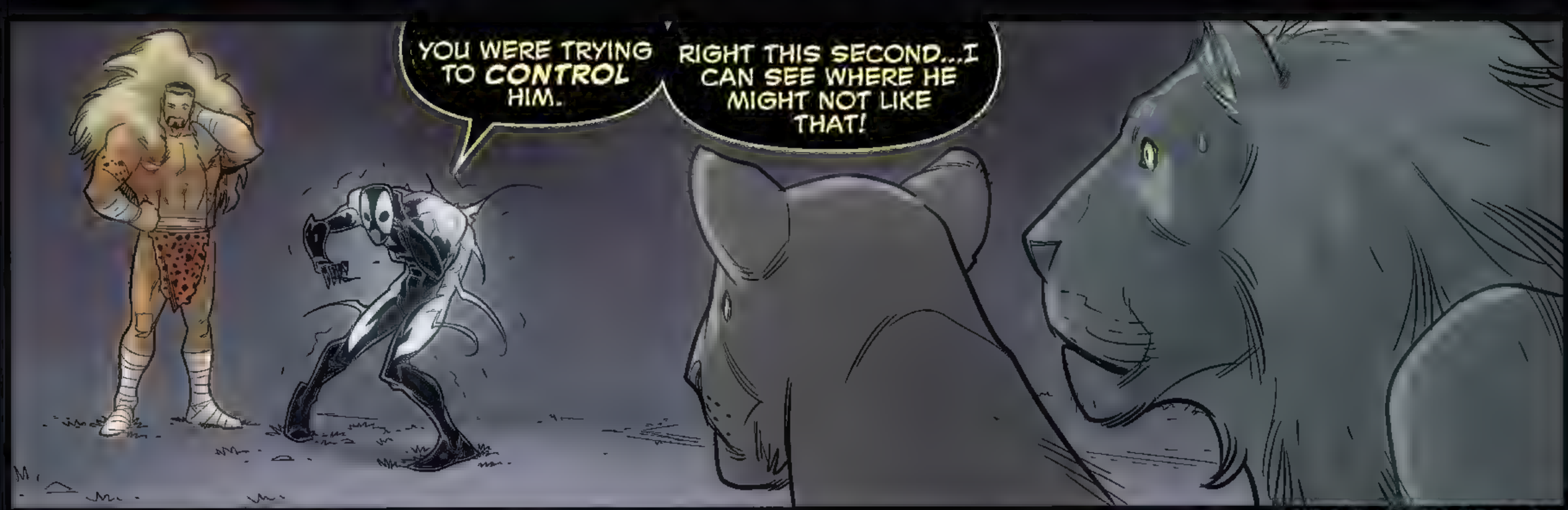
THAT WAS A *KRAVINOFF VIRILITY CRY!*

GUH--

SECRET WARS II IS COMING!







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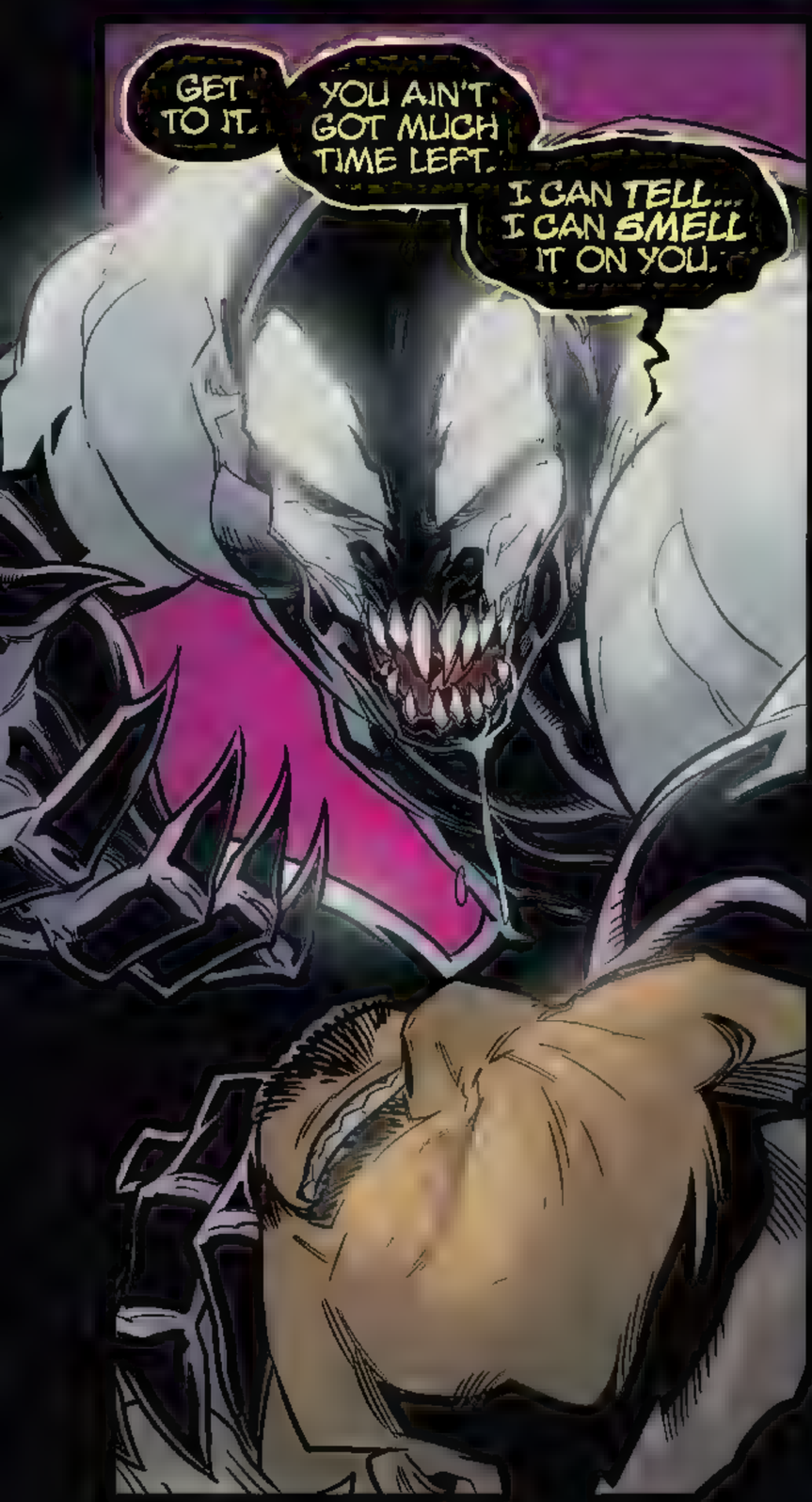
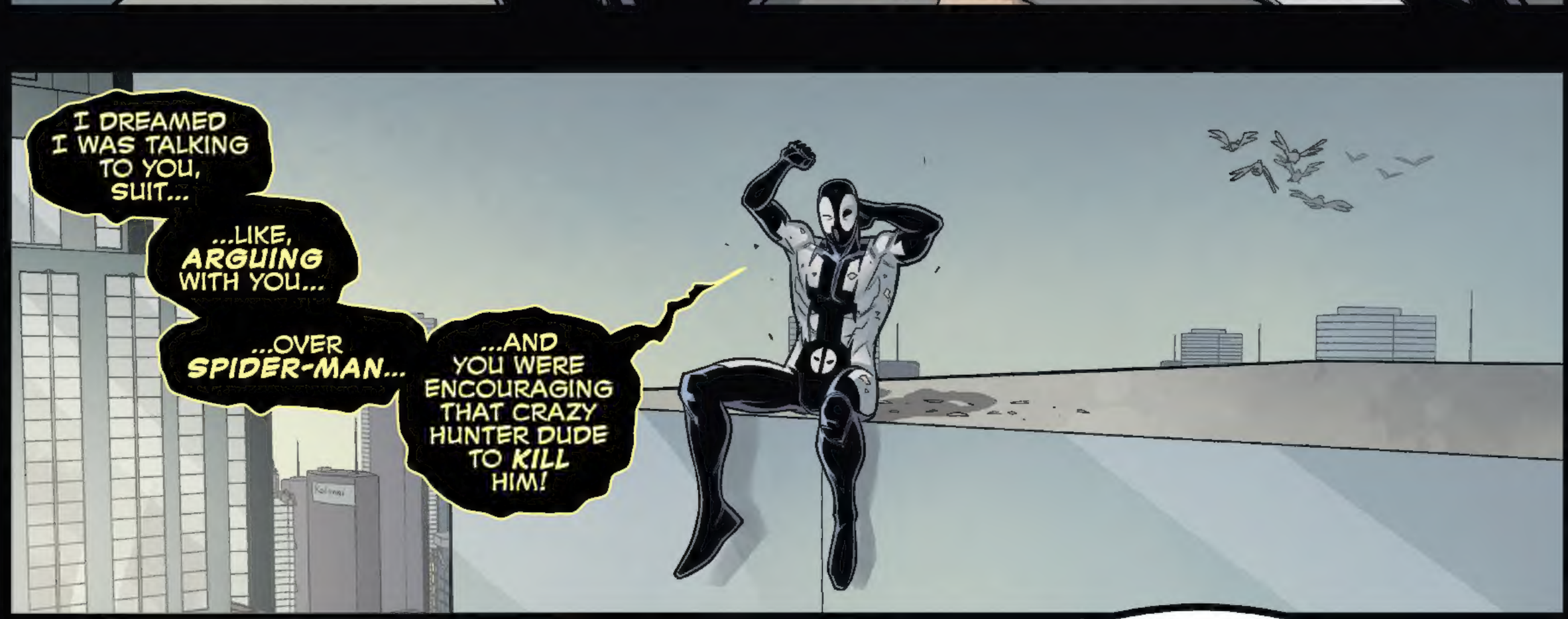


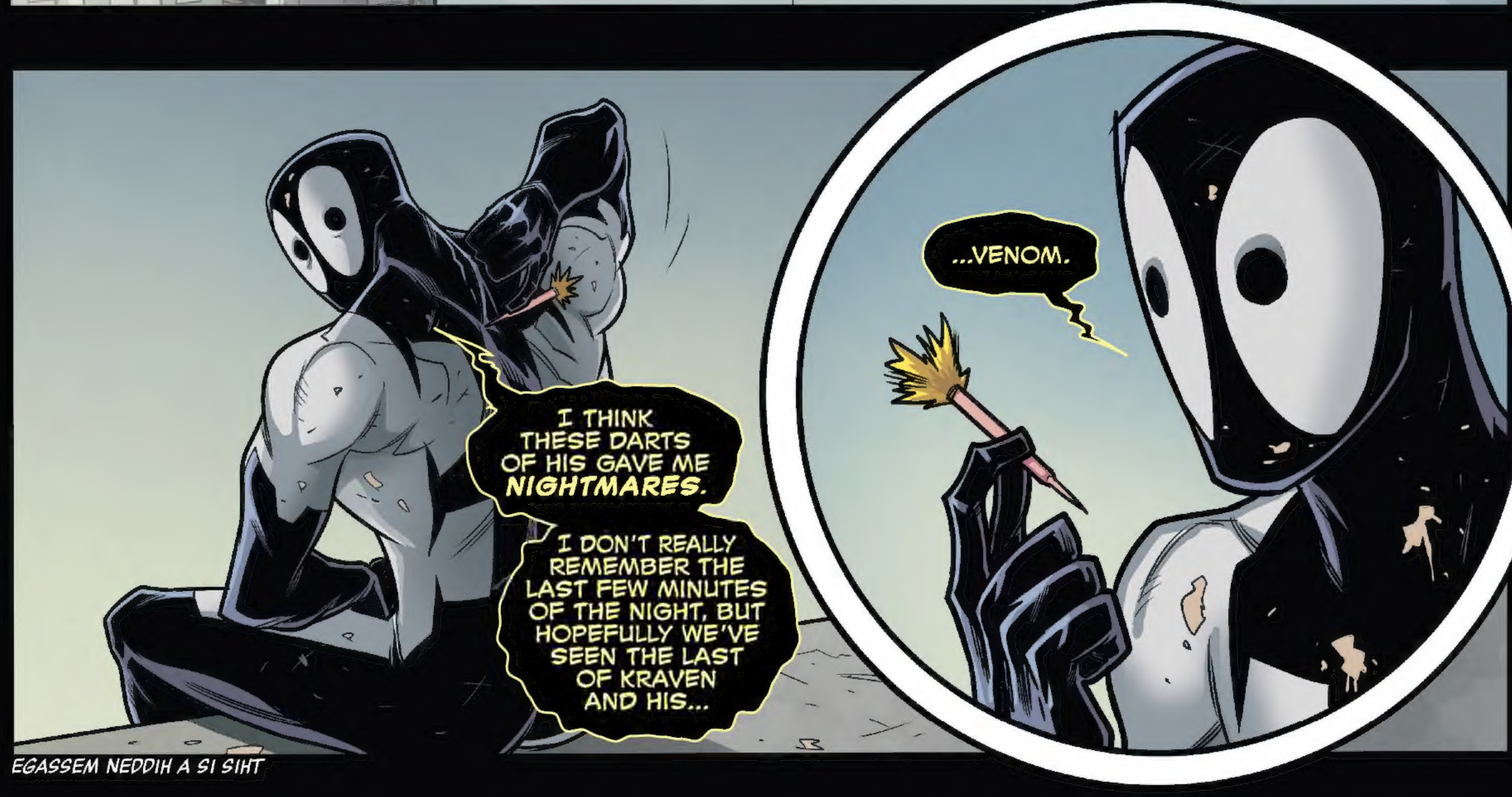
BUNN AND ESPIN THINK YOU'RE OKAY

SPIRIT OF THE HUNTER...
...SOUL OF THE SPIDER...
...YES...
...NOW I SEE...
YOU HAVE TAKEN HIS FORM, O SPIRIT.
TAKEN THE SPIDER'S SHAPE TO TELL ME WHAT MUST BE DONE!
I WILL HUNT HIM!
ONE LAST TIME!
I WILL DEFEAT HIM!
AND-- AS YOU HAVE SHOWN ME--I WILL *BECOME* THE SPIDER!
SO SWEARS--
KRAVEN THE HUNTER!

ZZZZZZZ

HNH!
OH, MAN!
WHAT A NIGHT! WHAT A DREAM!


I DREAMED I WAS TALKING TO YOU, SUIT...
...LIKE, ARGUING WITH YOU...
...OVER SPIDER-MAN...
...AND YOU WERE ENCOURAGING THAT CRAZY HUNTER DUDE TO KILL HIM!


I THINK THESE DARTS OF HIS GAVE ME NIGHTMARES.
I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER THE LAST FEW MINUTES OF THE NIGHT, BUT HOPEFULLY WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF KRAVEN AND HIS...
...VENOM.

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY...
...ANOTHER HUNTER--THE ALIEN MENACE KILLER THRILL--CONTINUES TO DEVISE A PLAN TO CAPTURE HER PREY...
...AND GET HER REVENGE.
THAT JERK!
HE KILLED COLDWAR!
HOW DARE HE?
IF ANYONE'S GONNA KILL ONE OF MY PARTNERS, IT'S GONNA BE ME!
IT'S IN OUR CONTRACT AND EVERYTHING!
WHAT'VE YOU GOT, GUZSIKINS?
HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT A WAY TO LURE THE SYMBIOTE TO US?
I THINK SO.
THE KLYNTAR HAS A CONNECTION WITH EVERYONE IT BONDS WITH.
I THINK WE CAN DRAW THE CREATURE OUT BY CAPTURING AND TORTURING--
STOP. YOU HAD ME AT "PEEL HIS SKIN AWAY WITH A DULL LASER-SAW."
I NEVER SAID--
SHUT UP AND TELL ME ABOUT OUR LUCKY PLAYTHING.
THE EARTHLINGS CALL HIM--
--SPIDER-MAN.
TO BE CONCLUDED...

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